

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Civil Action No.  
03 MDL 1570 (GBD)(FM)

This document relates to:

*Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al.*, 02-cv-6977 (GBD)(SN)

**DECLARATION OF ANDREW J. MALONEY IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’  
MOTION TO CLARIFY PLEADINGS RELATED TO MULTIPLE-CAPACITY  
CLAIMS**

I, ANDREW J. MALONEY, III, Esq., pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby state under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am an attorney representing the plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter and a partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP (“Kreindler & Kreindler”). I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case and am admitted to practice in this Court.

2. I submit this Declaration in support of the consolidated-*Ashton* Plaintiffs’ motion to Clarify Their Pleadings Related to Multiple-Capacity Claims in the action titled. *Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al.*, 02-cv-6977 (the “*Ashton* plaintiffs”).

3. The sources of my information and the basis for my belief in my statements contained herein are my personal involvement in this matter, my firm’s representation of the *Ashton* Plaintiffs in connection with their claims arising out of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and my discussions with these plaintiffs and other family members of these plaintiffs and my familiarity with their case files. Any matters about which I lack personal knowledge are asserted herein upon information and belief.

4. I submit this Declaration in support of the *Ashton* Plaintiffs’ motion to clarify the capacities of the plaintiffs previously named in the *Ashton* Sixth Amended Complaint, as set

forth in Exhibit A (*Ashton* Plaintiffs) in the above-captioned action.

5. On September 4, 2002, the *Ashton* Plaintiffs filed their first complaint against the alleged participants, sponsors, co-conspirators, and aiders and abettors of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. *See* 02-cv-6977 (S.D.N.Y.) ECF 1. That complaint was consolidated and amended several times, with the final one being the Sixth Amended Complaint. *See, e.g.*, 02-cv-6977 (S.D.N.Y.) ECF 2, 11, 32, 38, 111, 465.

6. Pursuant to this Court's order, the *Ashton* Plaintiffs served all non-sovereign Defendants by publication. ECF 445 at 1, 8, 11. Verification of service by publication on the non-sovereign defendants was provided on March 16, 2005 and March 31, 2005, for publication in both English and Arabic, consistent with the service Order. ECF 709, 735.<sup>1</sup> After defendants failed to answer, the *Ashton* Plaintiffs moved for a Certificate of Default and a default judgment, which this Court granted on May 12, 2006. ECF 1782 *et seq.*, 1797. The Court stated that the liability judgment applied to all claims, plaintiffs and defendants included up to and through the Sixth Amended Complaint. *See* ECF 1797.<sup>2</sup>

7. On March 10, 2004, the Court entered Case Management Order No. 1 which provided, among other things, that "Plaintiffs may, without further leave of court add or remove parties by supplemental pleadings under Rule 15(d)." *See* ECF 16.

8. On June 16, 2004, the Court issued Case Management Order No. 2, which provided, among other things that plaintiffs were allowed:

without further leave of court add or remove parties by listing their names and

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<sup>1</sup> The publication notices directed the named defendants to the MDL docket and advised them in both English and Arabic that they were required to answer the complaints on that docket, which sought, among other things, compensatory, treble and punitive damages, within 60 days. ECF 709 at 2; 735 at 2.

<sup>2</sup> The default judgment stated that it applied to all defendants "listed in Exhibit B" who had been "served by publication pursuant to an Order of this Court ... ." ECF 1797.

filing the lists as supplemental pleadings under Fed.R.Civ.P 15(d). The caption in the docket for the Individual Action to which a plaintiff or defendant has been added or removed will be changed to reflect the names of the parties in the Individual Actions as amended by the filing. Plaintiffs added by this procedure need not re-serve defendants who have already been served.

ECF No. 247.

9. While all of the plaintiffs set forth on the attached Exhibit A appear by name in the Sixth Amended Complaint (as verified by my office) and though the Sixth Amended Complaint asserted claims for those plaintiffs on their individual basis (including, where the plaintiffs were minors at the time of filing, by their parent, guardian or fiduciary), the caption of the Sixth Amended Complaint does not state those multiple-capacities for the named plaintiffs.

10. The purpose of the current motion is to provide clarity to the Court of the identities of all of the parties in the *Ashton* litigation and to set forth those claims asserted by named plaintiffs in their individual as well as representative capacities and to provide the names of children of the victims killed on September 11, 2001 in the Terrorist Attacks who were minors at the time their claims were filed and who are now asserting claims in their own right as real parties in interest (or, in one case, whose estate is now asserting a claim in the decedent immediate family member's interest).

11. Exhibit A attached hereto includes the following columns that clarify the multiple capacities in which the named plaintiffs were pursuing claims as follows:

- a. The first column provides the "9/11 Decedent's Name," listing the name of the individual victim killed on September 11, 2001 in the Terrorist Attacks;
- b. The second column provides the "Plaintiff Currently Named in Complaint Identifying Representative Capacity of 9/11 Decedent," which states the representative capacity listed in the Sixth Amended Complaint;
- c. The third column is the "Already-Named Plaintiff's Individual Capacity," providing the nature of the individual claim asserted by that multiple-capacity plaintiff for purposes of the clarified caption;

- d. The fourth column provides, where applicable, the already-named “Plaintiff’s Capacity as Parent, Guardian or Fiduciary of Previously Minor Child”;
- e. The fifth column provides the name of the no-longer minor child who is now named in their individual capacity for purposes of the clarified caption;<sup>3</sup> and
- f. The sixth column provides the nature of the claim, all of which arise out of the wrongful death of the decedent on September 11, 2001 in the Terrorist Attacks.

12. All of the plaintiffs listed in Exhibit A were part of the Sixth Amended Complaint, docketed at ECF 465.

13. Included with this motion is a proposed Order permitting the supplementation of the *Ashton* Plaintiffs’ Sixth Amended Complaint with this clarifying information on the identity of the multiple-capacity Plaintiffs and determining that this clarification relates back to when the real party in interest first filed their claim in this litigation based on the information provided in Exhibit A.

14. This Court previously granted substantially similar relief on the same basis as asserted herein to other plaintiffs. *See, e.g.*, ECF 4778, 8487, 8723.

Dated: April 18, 2024  
New York, New York

/s/ Andrew J. Maloney, III  
Andrew J. Maloney, III

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<sup>3</sup> In one case, the column lists the name of both the formerly-minor child, who is now deceased, and the name of his mother, who is the personal representative of her child’s estate, and who was already originally named in the Sixth Amended Complaint as the personal representative of the 9/11 Decedent’s estate (and who has already clarified her individual status as the surviving spouse of the 9/11 Decedent).